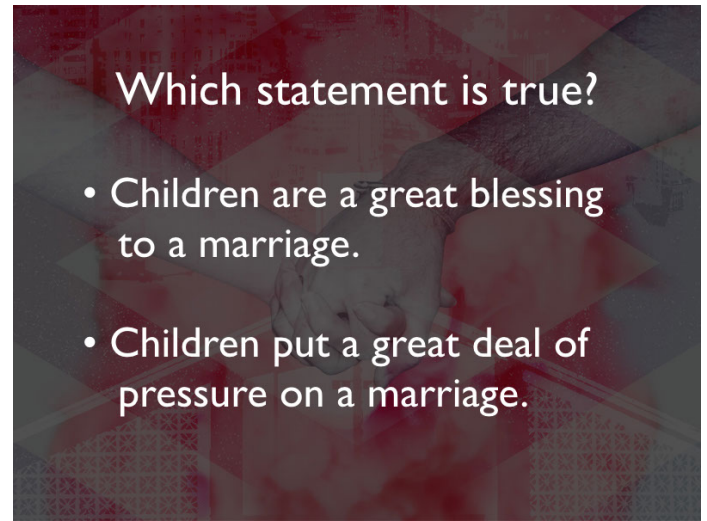
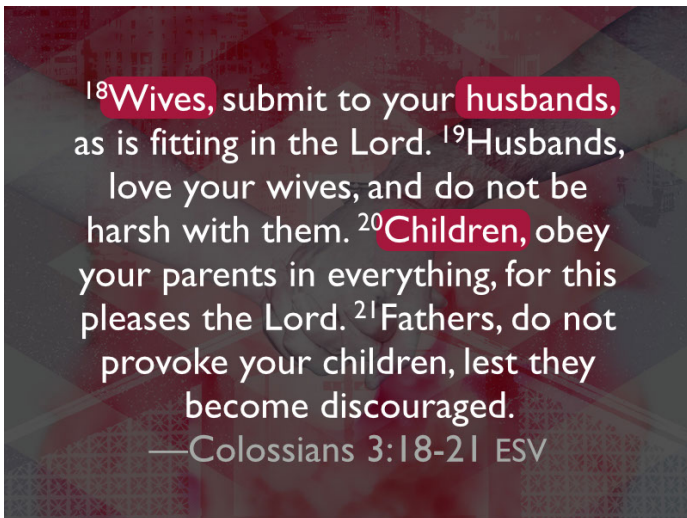




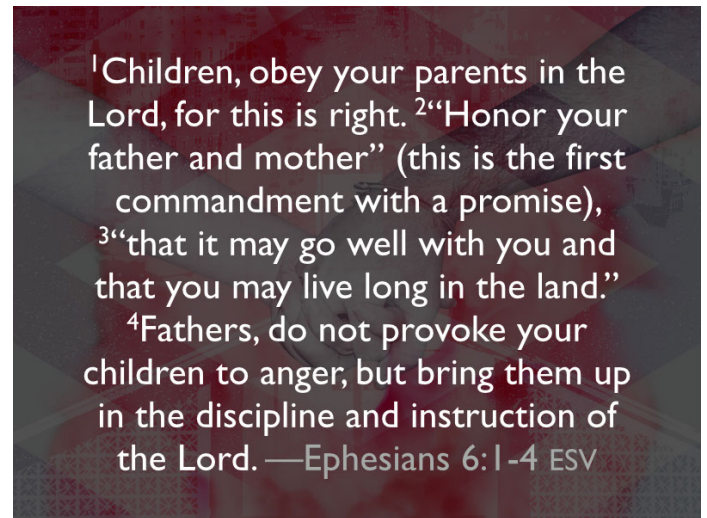
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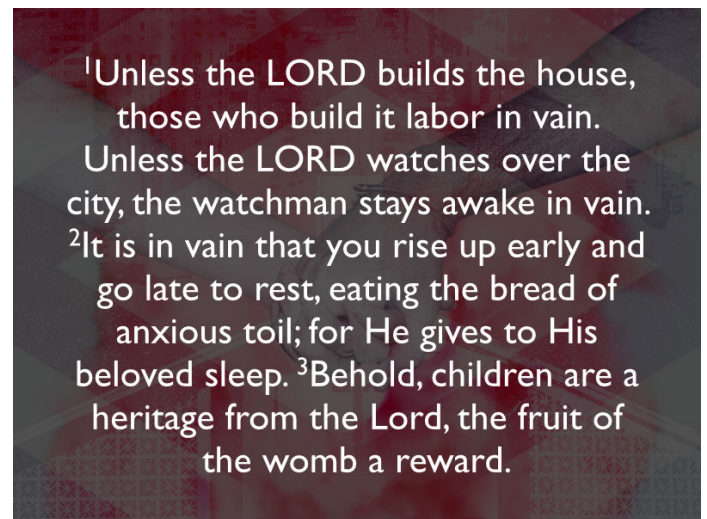
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⁴Like arrows in the hand of a warrior are the children of one's youth. ⁵Blessed is the man who fills his quiver with them! He shall not be put to shame when he speaks with his enemies in the gate. —Psalm 127

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Observations:

1. Children are addressed and instructed within the context of a marriage and family structure in Scripture.

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▶ Marriage matters to children because parenting matters to God.

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And Jesus increased in **wisdom** and in **stature** and in **favor with God and man**.
—Luke 2:52 ESV

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Four Deficiencies | Four Responsibilities

Mentally	Physically
Socially	Spiritually

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Observations:

2. Beyond the Scripture's instruction, there is a great and overwhelming crisis in culture regarding the value of children and child-rearing.

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1. Marriage is a personal union, intended for the whole of life, of husband and wife.
2. Marriage is a profound human good, elevating and perfection our social and sexual nature.
3. Ordinarily, both men and women who marry are better off as a result.
4. Marriage protects and promotes the well-being of children.

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5. Marriage sustains civil society and promotes the common good.
6. Marriage is a wealth-creating institution, increasing human and social capital.
7. When marriage weakens, the equality gap widens, as children suffer from the disadvantages of growing up in homes without committed mothers and fathers.

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8. A functioning marriage culture serves to protect political liberty and foster limited government.
9. The laws that govern marriage matter significantly.
10. “Civil marriage” and “religious marriage” cannot be rigidly or completely divorced from one another. —Witherspoon Institute
“Marriage and the Public Good”

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“This understanding of marriage is not narrowly religious... a marriage culture cannot flourish in a society whose primary institutions—universities, courts, legislatures, religions—fall not only to defend marriage but actually undermine it both conceptually and in practice.”
—Witherspoon Institute

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▶ Marriage matters to children because families shape the future.

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The Task of Parenting Can Be Simply Overwhelming

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Children are born into trouble.
A Curse Within Them

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“The world’s smallest battlefield is the
child’s heart. And the conquering of it
calls for all-out-hand-to-hand combat.”

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Children are born into trouble.
A Conflict Outside Them

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Romans 12:2
2 Timothy 3:1-5

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The Teaching Focused on Parenting
is Remarkably Simple

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...do not provoke your children to anger,
but bring them up in the discipline and
instruction of the Lord. —Ephesians 6:4 ESV

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“Rules without a relationship equals rebellion.” —Josh McDowell

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Children need...
Decisive Direction

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Deuteronomy 6:4-6

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“What happens at home is even more important than what happens here.”

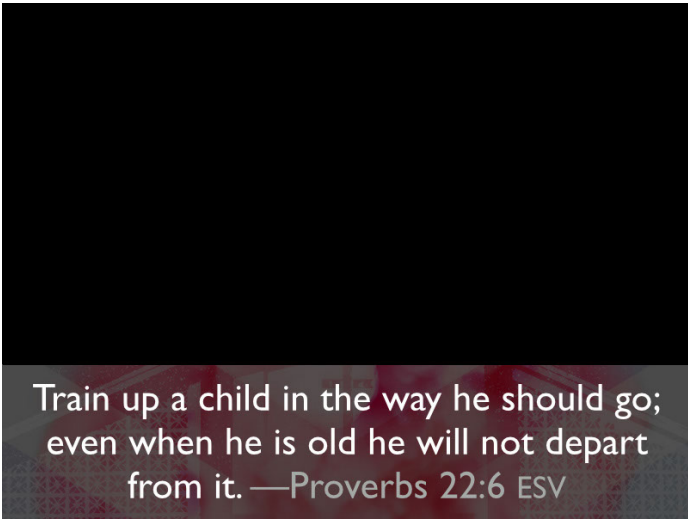
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The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction. —Proverbs 1:7 ESV

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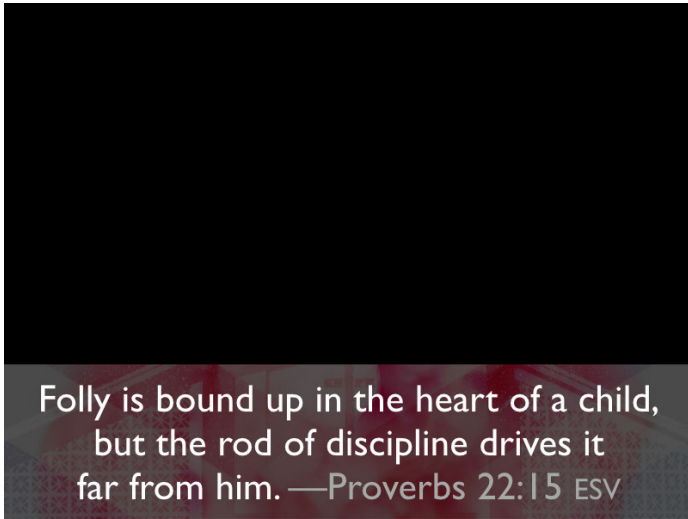
Children need...
Deliberate Discipline

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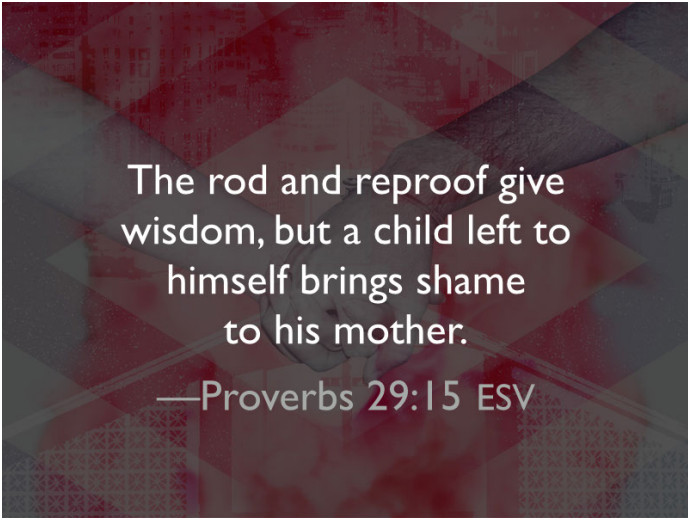
Train up a child in the way he should go;
even when he is old he will not depart
from it. —Proverbs 22:6 ESV

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Folly is bound up in the heart of a child,
but the rod of discipline drives it
far from him. —Proverbs 22:15 ESV

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The rod and reproof give
wisdom, but a child left to
himself brings shame
to his mother.
—Proverbs 29:15 ESV

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Children need...
Dedicated Devotion

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